

Fracking Matters Newsletter 12-12 (47) – 1 February 2012



Information letter for those to whom fracking matters and (some) updates on the website
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Thanks to all for the contribution

*Our friends teach us what we can do
Our enemies teach us what we must do*

*This is not the fight of our lives
This is the fight for our lives*

From: ga-eska <gajesia@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, Jan 31, 2012 at 10:03 PM
Subject: 1 Feb 2012 Wednesday,
10.30am- TV 3 in Glenfarne with Aedin
McLoughlin
To: Kinlough No Frack
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mardingo youth
<youthmardingo@gmail.com>

Hi everyone,

t's a very urgent call for action from Ms
Aedin Mc Loughlin, who was asking Meg
and others to spread the word

she's doing a TV3 interview TOMORROW
1st Feb, Wednesday in Glenfarne Rainbow
of Romance in response to Richard
Moorman's huge media campaign starting
tomorrow

Tamboran is putting press release in
Fermanagh Herald, Leitrim Observer and
perhaps more national press and making
tv announcement on TV3 tomorrow as
well (we don't know the exact time yet)

- there's very little time to react, as they
(tv) rang her today and we're only getting
a message now- She was asking to get as
many people as possible there at Ballroom
of Romance between 10.30-10.45am to
show support for the anti-fracking
campaign....

click on the link to google maps below-
put your location into the field A to get
directions to:

Rainbow Ballroom of Romance,
Glenfarne, Co. Leitrim

<http://maps.google.ie/maps/ms?msa=0&ie=UTF8&msid=200810262484691863834.0004a74f50dc4cf6f4b89&source=embed&t=m&vpsrc=1&ll=54.327336,-7.968521&spn=0.140147,0.291824&z=11&iwloc=0004a74f828fbf532cb1d&f=d&addr=Rainbow+Ballroom+of+Romance,+Glenfarne,+Co.+Leitrim+%4054.284544,-7.988391>

(app 20 mins past Manorhamilton on N16
to Enniskillen)

1 Feb 2012 Wednesday, 10.30am

Please, please spread the word and if you
can't make it in person- phone, text or
email TV3 tomorrow re the case....

TV3

Westgate Business Park, Ballymount,
Dublin 24

If you would like to contact TV3 directly,
on 01 4193333 or by email: info@tv3.ie

AEDIN on TV 3 – 10.30

reaction to Tamboran's announcement

TAMBORAN - announcement

----- Original Message -----

Subject: Tamboran press release! LEAK- URGENT

Date: Tue, 31 Jan 2012 20:43:03 +0000 (GMT)

From: Michael Mc Evoy
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Reply-To: Michael Mc Evoy
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Hi all,

so the time has come and the game is changed. A week later than we expected. Please read below the press release from Tamboran.

I think that all of our groups need to engage the media to refute the claims in the press release and step up our campaigns.

I'm sure I can get a quote from James Orr the director of friends of the earth N.I for any other groups press releases. The Belfast group will be putting a Press Release out tomorrow!

I hope this helps,

Thanks Mick

Strictly embargoed until 00:01 Wednesday 1st February 2012

£6bn gas investment could create 600 full time jobs and deliver security of energy supply in Northern Ireland for up to 50 years

Tamboran announces completion of first analysis phase

Tamboran references US President Obama and former US President Clinton's supportive comments about natural gas from shale

Energy company Tamboran Resources Pty Ltd ("Tamboran") is pleased to announce that initial studies have confirmed that a substantial natural gas field is present in southwest County Fermanagh in Northern Ireland. A gas

exploration project for Northern Ireland could create 600 full time jobs, up to 2,400 indirect jobs and deliver natural gas energy security for the next 50 years.

The company, which proposes to invest £6 billion in Northern Ireland, was commenting following completion of the first part of its analysis to determine the feasibility of shale gas exploration in Northern Ireland. Tamboran's technical team of over 20 professionals have been involved in substantial natural projects worldwide and have very high confidence that they can commercially develop this project in Northern Ireland. The full analysis will be published by the end of this year.

Tamboran, who last year was granted an Exploration Licence by the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment, is focusing its Northern Ireland operations in the southwest area of County Fermanagh. The Company has been granted a Licensing Option in an adjacent area in the Republic of Ireland where it is focusing in north County Leitrim.

The north-west region of Ireland is the only part of the island which is not currently connected to the gas network.

Outlining its initial analysis, which was based on its own and other recent studies, Tamboran identified a range of economic and energy benefits for Northern Ireland from the project, including:

Potential for ultimate production of up to 2.2 trillion cubic feet (tcf) of shale gas. This equates to 50 years of the current daily consumption of gas in Northern Ireland;
Full natural gas security of supply in Northern Ireland for at least 20 years and a substantial reduction in imports for over 30 years leading to removal of Northern Ireland's 100% dependency on imported gas;
Excess gas supply at peak production, enabling Northern Ireland to become a significant net exporter of natural gas;
The creation of 600 direct jobs and an estimated 2,400 indirect jobs in County Fermanagh;
Tax revenues of up to £6.9 billion (including royalties, corporation tax, Vat, employment taxes and exploration tax); and

A community investment fund directed entirely within County Fermanagh, estimated to lead to additional local benefits in excess of £2 million

per year once the project reaches expected commerciality in 2015.

Describing the project as 'an energy and economic game changer for Northern Ireland', Richard Moorman, Chief Executive of Tamboran said:

'Our initial analysis suggests very substantial shale gas reserves in the southwest Fermanagh area. Allowing for even modest rates of recovery, the energy and economic benefits would be tremendous.'

'Security of energy supply is a primary concern for all governments. Our analysis indicates that the island of Ireland is in the fortunate position to have substantial gas reserves under its feet. In southwest Fermanagh alone, we believe that there is up to 50 years of the present daily gas consumption of Northern Ireland. Realising these reserves would secure gas supply for decades, protect consumers and businesses from market uncertainty and negate the risks associated with being over dependent on unpredictable external supplies. County Fermanagh would be able to attract additional businesses that would benefit directly from a secure local natural gas supply.'

Natural gas from shale has made a substantial positive impact in North America already. In his State of the Union address on the 25th of January, US President Barack Obama stated: "We have a supply of natural gas that can last America nearly one hundred years, and my Administration will take every possible action to safely develop this energy. Experts believe this will support more than 600,000 jobs by the end of the decade. And I'm requiring all companies that drill for gas on public lands to disclose the chemicals they use. America will develop this resource without putting the health and safety of our citizens at risk."

President Obama's comments are similar to statements by former US President Bill Clinton in his recently published book "Back to Work: Why we need smart government for a strong economy", in which he wrote: "With proper care, I think we can extract the gas. We need it, and it can make us both more energy independent and contribute to job creation and growth."

Mr Moorman further stated 'Our projections of the economic gains for Northern Ireland from this proposed £6 billion investment includes up to £6.9 billion in tax revenues over the lifetime of the project, 600 full-time, long-term direct jobs by 2025 (with up to 2,400 indirect jobs),

for a total of about 14,000 direct person-years of employment through to the year 2050. Tamboran expects to provide comprehensive and continuous training to all of its local employees to ensure they can commercially succeed within Tamboran.'

Tamboran is proceeding with its agreed work programme of analysis, required under its existing licences, and will publish an update later this year. Additionally, the company will undertake a comprehensive Environmental Impact Assessment which will include a 12 month baseline study of all aspects of the environment, including soil, groundwater, air quality, noise levels, and seismic activity. The company will publish these findings upon completion in early 2013 and will then outline its intentions as to how it will request permission to proceed to the next stage of the licensing and planning processes.

Concluding, Mr Moorman said 'In recent months we have met with and listened to a wide range of stakeholders at community, business, regulatory and political levels. We will continue with this approach, outlining the reality of our proposal while acknowledging that a project of this scale will attract requests for clarity and support.'

'Tamboran will not utilise any chemicals in its hydraulic fracturing process in Northern Ireland, and we will be bringing together the best technologies developed worldwide into this one project to ensure the safe and responsible development of a tremendous resource for Northern Ireland.'

'We are undertaking a full Environmental Impact Assessment, which will set out the specific criteria under which the company must safely and responsibly conduct its operations to the very highest standards.'

'Additionally, we will establish a substantial community investment fund to ensure all benefits are shared at local as well as national levels. We consider it essential to deliver a direct benefit for local residents. Tamboran undertakes to operate safely and our commitment to openness and transparency will remain every step of the way.'

International studies worldwide have shown that natural gas has low carbon content relative to other fossil fuels, which would also allow it to play a significant role in reducing CO2 emissions, acting as a bridge to a low-

carbon future (see editors' notes).

Tamboran invites all stakeholders, especially local residents, to engage with the company and work closely with us to ensure that the project is conducted responsibly to meet the essential economic needs of the community and Northern Ireland.

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For media queries in Northern Ireland contact:

Ross Williamson or Sonya Cassidy, Weber Shandwick, Tel: 028 9034 7300 or 075 9022 7961 / 077 7088 6949.

Interviews are available on request through Weber Shandwick. Substantial information is also available on Tamboran's website at <http://www.facebook.com/l/QAQQQ-gxxAQGCKsBM7utVnV2BsQ9QU0gBbTphddCN5DQPwA/www.tamboran.com>.

Editors' notes:

Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) study, June 2011 http://www.facebook.com/l/xAQHA6xNIAQGVqrj8204TcKTPBk5Eog2xRoEkDIv_4L3k6A/web.mit.edu/mitei/research/studies/natural-gas-2011.shtml

Summary -

These are the salient points in the Tamboran press release

- 1) gas exploration in south west Fermanagh will create 600 full-time jobs, 2,400 indirect jobs and 50 years of the current daily consumption of gas in NI
- 2) tax revenues of up to £6.9b
- 3) a community investment fund (for people like yourselves), estimated at £2m-plus 'once the project reaches commerciality in 2015'
- 4) the press release refers to Obama's State of the Union address and stating that the US had a supply of natural gas to last it for 100 years, creating 600,000 jobs
b) and the President's insistence that all gas drilling companies would

have to disclose what chemicals they use

5) Tamboran say it will include a 12 month baseline study of all aspects of the environment, including soil, groundwater, air quality, noise levels, and seismic activity. It will publish these findings upon completion in early 2013 and will then outline its intentions as to how it will request permission to proceed to the next stage of the licensing and planning processes.

6) 'Tamboran will not utilise any chemicals in its hydraulic fracturing process in Northern Ireland - direct quotes

7) It says it is undertaking a full Environmental Impact Assessment which will set out the specific criteria under which the company must safely and responsibly conduct its operations to the very highest standards.

8) (Finally) - Tamboran invites all stakeholders, especially local residents, to engage with the company and work closely with them to ensure that the project is conducted responsibly to meet the essential economic needs of the community and Northern Ireland.

Comment: Fermanagh Fracking Awareness Network

n general everything in this statement is vague and nothing definite. The only thing that is definite is that this company will make profit using our resources and will leave the people to clean up the mess.

Following Tamborans announcement that they now plan to proceed with the drilling part of their business plan, Fermanagh Fracking Awareness Network [FFAN] ask the Government, again, to listen to the voices & votes of both our Local Council & the Stormont Assembly and place an immediate moratorium on this controversial Shale-gas extraction technique.

In summary don't let the Shale Gas Industry "facts" lull us into a false sense of security; for in all other places they have been, their hype does not turn out to be true. We ask the people of Fermanagh to insist on a moratorium

of this exploration & extraction

